

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 FORT L 01649 301417Z

50

ACTION AID-59

INFO OCT-01 AF-05 EUR-06 ISO-00 SSO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00

EB-05 IGA-02 PRS-01 SS-07 SPC-03 L-03 IO-09 NSCE-00

/101 W

----- 106062

O 300925Z SEP 73

FM AMEMBASSY FORT LAMY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7032

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS FORT LAMY 1649

AFDROUGHT

AIDAC

FOR BROWN FROM FEI

PARIS FOR HELMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: TRAVEL FOUR EXPERTS IN AFRICA

REF: A) PARIS 25324; B) STATE 194459; C) DAKAR 4331

1. TASK FORCE DISAPPOINTED LEARN OF COMPLICATIONS DESCRIBED
REF B. WE HAD HOPED THAT SCHEDULE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EXPERT
TEAM OUTLINED REF A WOULD CONSTITUTE HAPPY MEDIUM BETWEEN VARIOUS
NICETIES, SENSITIVITIES, EMBASSY, RDO DESIRES ETC. AND TASK
FORCE NEED HAVE TECHNICAL INPUT WHILE STILL IN FIELD WHICH ONLY
EXPERTS CAN PROVIDE. FOR THIS REASON ONLY SCHEDULED OVERLAP
PERIOD BETWEEN TASK FORCE AND EXPERTS WAS THREE DAYS IN
OUAGADOUGOU WITH MAIN PURPOSE MUTUAL DEBRIEFING TWO GROUPS.

2. SUBSTANCE OF TASK FORCE ROLE AS SEEN BY MEMBERS INVOLVES
ESTABLISHMENT APPROPRIATE BALANCE BETWEEN TECHNICAL AND
POLITICAL IMPACT FACTORS IN ARRIVING AT PROGRAM AND PROJECT
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 FORT L 01649 301417Z

RECOMMENDATIONS. IMPORTANCE REACHING SOUND TECHNICAL

JUDGMENTS (WITHOUT IGNORING PRACTICAL AND POLITICAL REALITIES)
FULLY CONFIRMED BY OUR EXPERIENCE DURING BRIEFINGS IN EUROPE AND
IN COURSE FIRST FIELD EXPERIENCE HERE IN CHAD. ALL ALONG LINE
WE ENCOUNTERING DIVERGENT OR OPPOSING VIEWS ON PROGRAMS AND
PROJECTS SEEKING AMELIORATION OR SOLUTION SAHEL PROBLEMS. THIS
TRUE EVEN IN CASE OF NEAR-TERM PROGRAM AND TRUE A FORTIORI WHEN
CONCEPTUALIZING MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAM WERE CAREFUL ANALYSIS
SAHEL PROBLEMS AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED SOLUTIONS SEEM
INDISPENSABLE.

3. ABOVE NOT TO SAY THAT TASK FORCE INCAPABLE DEVELOP NEAR-TERM
PROGRAM WITHOUT SUPPORTING VISITS OF EXPERTS. IF POLITICAL IMPACT
CONSIDERATIONS ABSOLUTELY OVERRIDING, AND SUPPORT SERVICES
REQUIRED TOO OVERWHELMING, ADEQUATE JOB CAN BE DONE BY TASK FORCE
AND EVEN WITH FURTHER REDUCED MEMBERSHIP IF DESIRED--BUT IN SUCH
CASE WE CAN OBVIOUSLY DO LITTLE MORE THAN RELY ON PROJECT
PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY GOVERNMENTS WITHOUT GIVING THEM MORE
THAN MODICUM OF FURTHER ANALYSIS. PROGRAM SPECIFICITY AND
QUALITY MUST BEAR BURDEN REDUCED PROFESSIONAL INPUT.

4. HAVE TELEPHONED HELMAN PARIS SEND EXPERTS HOME.NEHER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, DISASTER RELIEF, CONSULTANTS, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 SEP 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973FORTL01649
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: FORT LAMY
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t1973091/aaaaabv.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AID
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: A) PARIS 25324; B) STATE 194459; C), DAKAR 4331
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: martinjw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06-Sep-2001 by reddocgw>; APPROVED <13 FEB 2002 by martinjw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TRAVEL FOUR EXPERTS IN AFRICA
TAGS: EAID, SWEL, XA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005